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PIRACY RESOLUTION

11. The Department would like to extend its congratulations and express its gratitude to USUN for its successful effort to achieve a UN Security Council resolution to combat piracy off the Somali coast. USUN's dedication and creativity in negotiating this resolution, which was a high priority for the U.S. government, will help ensure that humanitarian assistance can reach those who urgently need it in Somalia. We would especially like to recognize the work of Jesse Levinson and James Donovan, CMD U.S. Coast Guard (RET.), in concluding the successful negotiations on this resolution. Ambassador Khalilzad's and Ambassador Wolff's personal involvement to break several impasses were vital and greatly appreciated. Congratulations once again!